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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 772  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Hubie Smith and the outstanding 1997-1998 Bartlett High School boys' basketball team.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, skill and determination, the great 1997-1998 Bartlett High School boys' basketball team has distinguished itself as a squad to remember, permanently etching its name into the glorious athletic history of our state by climaxing an excellent season with their second consecutive appearance in the prestigious Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, with a sterling overall record of 31 victories and only 4 losses and an impressive winning percentage of .887, the Bartlett team was a credit to their fans, their fine school and their community; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team won the classic Bartlett Stagecoach Shootout by beating Briarcrest 84-45, Melrose 70-49 and West Memphis, Arkansas 73-67 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers pounced on regular season District 14-AAA competition to win that title for the third consecutive time, compiling an excellent 9-1 record; and

WHEREAS, they next won their third consecutive District 14-AAA Tournament championship, with exciting victories against Dyersburg, 69-58 and arch-rival Bolton, 53-41; and

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WHEREAS, the team's next tough hurdle was the Region 7-AAA Tournament, which Bartlett won by beating Fayette Ware 52-39, Haywood County, 60-58 and Ripley, 63-58 in double overtime; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate game, this storied team bested Memphis Northside 57-55, thus capturing their second consecutive substate championship; and

WHEREAS, Bartlett was ranked as the number one team for the third consecutive year by the *Memphis Commercial-Appeal's* Final Weekly Poll; and

WHEREAS, they were also ranked in the Associated Press's Top Ten Poll throughout the season, and at one point were ranked fourth in the poll; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Hubie Smith has added new laurels to his already highly regarded reputation, and his capable staff, Assistant Coaches John Harrington, Steve Sullivan and Jason Good, have been highly praised for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, featuring a very balanced shooting attack, the team was very fortunate to have great leaders: four sensational seniors, guard Chris Scobey, Captain of the team, who was named All-Stagecoach Shootout, All-Centralia Tournament, first team All-District , All-District Tournament, the Region 7-AAA Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-Metro and Honorable Mention All-State; guard John Oswalt, an All-Stagecoach Shootout, All-Centralia Tournament, first team All-District, All-District Tournament, All-Region Tournament, All-Metro and Honorable Mention All-State honoree; center Daniel Weaver, who was selected All-Centralia Tournament, second team All-District, District Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-Metro, Honorable Mention All-State, and Honorable Mention McDonalds All-American; and forward David Cheek, who served admirably as Co-Captain; and

WHEREAS, Jason Jones, Jason Martin and Rico Boswell also made valuable contributions; each of the other players, juniors Justin Burton, Brett Collins and Jordan Slate; sophomores Mike Simpson, Dustin Hoover and Chris Stuart; and freshman Troy Jenkins; were also important to the success the team enjoyed; and

WHEREAS, their excellent Principal Mike Parnell has been an enthusiastic supporter of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working staff included managers, Brad Bellamy, Jason Maier and John Robertson and filmer Brooke Miles; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause in our deliberations to specially commemorate the accomplishments of this outstanding team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Head Coach Hubie Smith and the 1997-1998 Bartlett High School boys' basketball team and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.